**Double Entry Journal**

**Activity 3.4 Making Thematic Connections**

Excerpt from *Night*, by Elie Wiesel

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| **The text says …**  Choose a passage of text that says something important to you. | **I say …**  Reflect on the text. Make connections. Ask questions. |
| Behind me, someone said, sighing, “What do you expect? That’s war …” (Paragraph 3) | This statement is terrifying. How can they be so casually indifferent to the suffering of their comrades? They’re all crying at the railway station; surely they know that nothing good is waiting for these people at their destination. And yet our man here can say, “Oh well. NBD.” But then, do we all do this in our own lives? Somebody’s hurting? Not my problem. Somebody’s getting bullied? Ah, kids will be kids. And sometimes we even blame the victims for their own suffering. |

*First They Came for the Communists*, by Martin Niemoller

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| **The text says …**  Choose a passage of text that says something important to you. | **I say …**  Reflect on the text. Make connections. Ask questions. |
| When the Nazis came for the communists,  I remained silent;  I was not a communist.  When they locked up the social democrats,  I remained silent;  I was not a social democrat.  When they came for the trade unionists,  I did not speak out;  I was not a trade unionist.  When they came for the Jews,  I did not speak out;  I was not a Jew.  When they came for me,  there was no one left to speak out. |  |